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# Clarington

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June 21, 2018

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**Re: Heritage Designation – Notice of Passing of Designation By-law**  
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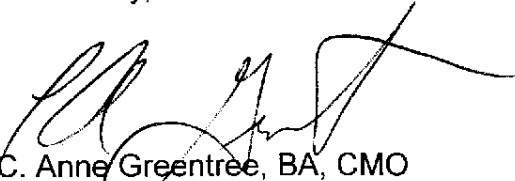
Please be advised that Council passed By-law 2018-060, being a by-law to designate the property known for municipal purposes as 156 Church Street, Municipality of Clarington, as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1990, cO.18*.

In accordance with the legislated requirements, a notice advising of the passing of the designation by-law shall be published in the local newspaper, and the designation shall be registered on title.

A copy of the Notice and the By-law are enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions please contact me by telephone at 905-623-3379 ext. 2102.

Yours truly,



C. Anne Greentree, BA, CMO  
Municipal Clerk

Encl.

CAG/mc

- c. Jim Leonard, Ontario Heritage Trust
- Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works, Region of Durham
- Clarington Heritage committee, c/o Dave Addington, Planner II
- Tracey Ali, President, Clarington ACO
- D. Crome, Director of Planning Services

**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON**

40 TEMPERANCE STREET, BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO L1C 3A6 905-623-3379 [www.clarington.net](http://www.clarington.net)

In the Matter of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O. 18

And in the Matter of the Lands and Premises  
Known Municipally as 156 Church Street, Bowmanville,  
Now in The Municipality of Clarington

### **Notice of Passing of By-law**

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington has passed **By-law 2018-060** designating the property, including the lands and buildings located at 156 Church Street, Bowmanville, now in the Municipality of Clarington, as a property of architectural and historical value under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

### **Reasons for Designation**

The property known at 156 Church Street has been designated for Historical and Architectural Cultural Heritage Attributes. The craftsmanship of its construction is extraordinary and is evidenced in its exterior and architectural features.

Dated at the Municipality of Clarington this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

C. Anne Greentree, BA, CMO  
Municipal Clerk  
40 Temperance Street  
Bowmanville, ON L1C 3A6

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## **The Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington**

### **By-law 2018-060**

Being a by-law to designate the property known for municipal purposes as 156 Church Street, Bowmanville, Municipality of Clarington as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R. S. O. 1990, Chapter 0.18;

Whereas the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R. S. O., 1990, c.O. 18 authorizes the Council of the Municipality to enact by- laws to designate properties to be of historic or architectural value or interest for the purposes of the Act; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington has caused to be served upon the owner of the property known for municipal purposes at 156 Church Street, Bowmanville and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to Designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the Clarington This Week, a newspaper having general circulation in the area of the designation on May 9, 2018; and

Whereas the reasons for the designation of the aforesaid property under the *Ontario Heritage Act* are contained in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this by-law; and

Whereas the Clarington Heritage Committee has recommended that the property known for municipal purposes as 156 Church Street, Bowmanville, be designated as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

Whereas no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Municipal Clerk within the period prescribed by the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of The Municipality of Clarington hereby enacts as follows:

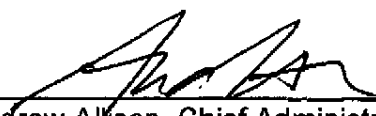
1. The property known for municipal purposes at 156 Church Street, Bowmanville which is more particularly described in Schedule "B" which is attached to and forms part of this by- law, is hereby designated as a property which has historic or architectural value or interest under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R. S. O. 1990, c., O. 18.
2. The Solicitor for the Municipality of Clarington is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the title to the property described in Schedule "B" hereto.
3. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the property described in Schedule "B" hereto and on

the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The Municipal Clerk also is authorized to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the Clarington This Week, a newspaper having general circulation in the area of the designation.

Passed in Open Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Adrian Foster', written over a horizontal line.

Adrian Foster, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Allison', written over a horizontal line.

Andrew Allison, Chief Administrative Officer

**Schedule 'A'**  
**To By-law 2018-**

Statement of Significance and list of character defining features.

**Cultural Heritage Attributes**

The heritage value of 156 Church Street, Bowmanville resides in the fine Italianate brick house was built circa 1890. It replaced an earlier brick home, both owned and occupied by members of the Shaw family.

In 1845 Thomas Shaw (1819-1885) emigrated to Canada from England with his wife Jane (nee Newby 1815-1901) and daughter Mary Elizabeth (1843-1920). Although no records of the family's early life can be found, it seems probable that they came to Bowmanville almost immediately, as Mary Elizabeth's obituary in 1920 states that "she lived 75 years on Church Street". At least four more children were added to the family: Thomas Junior (1848-1884), Cornelia (b.1851) Anna (b.1852) and Oratis Franklin (1856-1882).

In the 1861 Census, Thomas and Jane are living in a brick house on Church Street in Bowmanville and Thomas' occupation is given as "hotel keeper". It is fair to assume that he is managing the Alma Hotel, built on Lot 156 Church Street in 1856 and owned by Samuel Mason. In 1869, Jane Shaw purchased Lot 155 from William Dean, (this was possibly the house she and Thomas were already living in) and in 1872 Thomas purchased the Alma Hotel from Samuel Mason. The Alma was a handsome, three-storey brick building located at the busy corner of Church and Temperance Streets. From a photograph taken on July 5th 1886, it appears to have in excess of 30 rooms, and was undoubtedly a very successful family enterprise. Originally a temperance house, this seems to have changed with Shaw ownership - in the 1881 Census Thomas Junior's occupation is described as "bar keeper."

Over the course of two years, Thomas and Jane lost their eldest grandson Newby Muir (January 1882) and both sons – Orastis Franklin (known as Frank) in April 1882 and Thomas Junior in September 1884. Thomas Senior did not long survive them, dying in May 1885. Then, on July 7 1888, a fire began in the hotel stables which quickly spread to the hotel, the Shaw residence and ultimately to the Congregational church. All were lost. The Shaw residence and church were rebuilt, but the Alma Hotel was never replaced.

After re-construction, Thomas Shaw Senior's widow, Jane, moved into the new house at 156 Church Street – a residence considerably larger and more elegant than its predecessor. Originally set back from the street, it was one of the most imposing homes in Bowmanville.

In the 1891 Census, Jane's daughter Mary Elizabeth Muir (now a widow), granddaughter Annie Muir and grandson James Marriner Muir (a teacher) are all living with her. In 1892, James leaves for Hawaii, where he marries and raises a family of his own.

By the 1901 Census Jane, Elizabeth and Annie are sharing the house with four young boarders, all described as "sandwich makers".

After Jane Shaw's death on November 11 1901 her daughter, Mary Elizabeth Muir inherited the property under the terms of Thomas Shaw's Will. In 1918, Mary Elizabeth Muir deeded 156 Church Street to her daughter Annie, and in 1919 sold Lot 156 (site of the Alma Hotel) to The Bell Telephone Company for \$2,000. Following Mary Elizabeth's death in July 1920, Annie sells the property to William Claude Caverley for \$6,000. Annie does not long survive her mother, dying in Toronto on May 15, 1921.

156 Church Street remained in the Caverley/Oliver family until 1955, when it was sold to local doctor Allen B. Sylvester. In 1968, Dr. Sylvester sold the property to Dr Harold Anfossi who, in turn, sold it in 1975 to the Regional Municipality of Durham. At present, it houses a Regional Day Care Centre.

### **Architectural Heritage Attributes**

The Shaw House is beautifully proportioned, with sophisticated detailing. Dichromatic brickwork is used effectively, and the contrast between buff and red brick forms a distinctive pattern between the storeys. Buff brick also accents the solid quoins and double rows of hood mouldings above the paired windows. The broad eaves are supported by elegant brackets below a hipped slate shingled roof. The recessed central bay is unique, enclosing an intricately detailed storm porch with panelled double doors, sidelights and three rounded transom lights.

156 Church Street in Bowmanville is a fine Italianate brick house built circa 1890. The craftsmanship of its construction is extraordinary and is evidenced in its exterior and architectural features which include:

#### **Exterior**

- dichromatic brickwork (buff and red brick)
- buff brick also accents the solid quoins and double rows of hood mouldings above the paired windows
- the elegant brackets below a hipped roof on the broad eaves.
- the recessed central bay
- the double doors, sidelights and three rounded transom lights of the front porch
- the slate shingles on the angular sides (hipped) of the roof

**Schedule 'B'**  
**To By-law 2018-**

**Legal Description:**

Lt 155 Blk L, Plan Grant Bowmanville  
Pt Lot 154, Blk L, Plan Grant, Bowmanville  
Being Pt 5 on 10R-378  
Municipality of Clarington  
Regional Municipality of Durham

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